



# Video Games & Violence

Do violent video games contribute to youth violence?

## Pros

### It causes more aggression, bullying, and fighting

- Those that played M-rated at least once beat someone up
- Playing violent games had a casual link to aggression

### Violent video games desensitize players to real-life violence

- Violent video games can cause players to be less aroused by violent acts
- People desensitized to violence are more likely to commit a violent act



## Violence

60% of middle school boys and 40% of middle school girls played a Mature rated game and beat up someone



## Aggression

The number of physical fights decreased 43% when sales of video games went up

## Cons

### Studies show the games may cause aggression not violence

- The competitive nature of a game increases aggression whether it is violent or not
- Yelling and shouting at others is aggression but not violence

### As sales of violent video games increased juvenile crime rates decreased

- As sales of violent video games have increased students in a physical fight decreased 43%
- Monthly sales of video games were related to decreases in aggravated assault

Based on my research, it says that video games are only going to cause aggression and not violence. More than 1 study can back that up

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